



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Supporting Proposition 13 Urban Water Conservation Program Grant Application to Retrofit the Remainder of Flat-Rate Commercial Water Services in Lodi with Water Meters, and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Applicable Agreements

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2002

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the City of Lodi application for a Consolidated Water Use Efficiency 2002 - Proposition 13 Urban Water Conservation Program - Urban Water Capital Outlay Grant to retrofit the remainder of approximately 300 flat-rate commercial (non-residential) water customers in Lodi with water meters. The resolution also authorizes the City Manager to execute any agreements or contracts pertaining to the above proposal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City has approximately 300 commercial water customers without water meters that are still charged under the flat-rate system. The City currently has no retrofit program to meter these water services. Staff feels these services should be metered for reasons including fairness and equity among all non-residential water customers, water savings that can be realized in reduced usage and leak detection capabilities, and the ability to more fairly base wastewater charges on metered water figures in the future.

The preliminary cost estimate for the entire project is calculated at \$400,000, inclusive of costs for upgrades to the City water system. The City would propose matching funds of approximately \$130,000 (one-third of the total cost) from the Water Utility Fund.

Proposition 13 grants are currently available through the California Department of Water Resources in conjunction with CALFED and the U. S. Department of the Interior. The deadline for submitting an application for funding is March 1, 2002. "Metering with commodity rates and retrofits" is listed as a priority project. The majority of the work would be contracted. A copy of the application is on file in the Public Works Department at City Hall and the Municipal Service Center.

FUNDING: None needed at this time. Will request Council approval if grant application successful.

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APPROVED: _____

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RESOLUTION NO. 2002-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT PROPOSITION 13 URBAN
WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO
RETROFIT THE REMAINDER OF FLAT-RATE COMMERCIAL
WATER SERVICES IN LODI WITH WATER METERS, AND
FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to submit Proposition 13 Urban Water Conservation Program Grant Application to retrofit the remainder of flat-rate commercial water services in Lodi with water meters and further authorizing the City Manager to execute applicable agreements.

Dated: February 20, 2002

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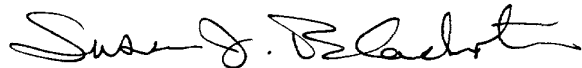
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2002-38 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held February 20, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and
Mayor Pennino

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk